

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (Original) A plastic blow molded container having a central axis A and including a body portion that extends vertically about the central axis A and has a lower extremity of a round shape with a diameter D, an upper end closure unitary with an upper extremity of the body portion and including a dispensing spout, and a freestanding base structure unitary with the body portion to close the lower extremity thereof, said freestanding base structure comprising:

a plurality of downwardly projecting hollow legs spaced circumferentially from each other with respect to the body portion; each leg having a lower flat foot coplanar with the feet of the other legs to cooperate therewith in supporting the container in an upright position; each leg also having an outer wall that extends from the outer extremity of the flat foot thereof to the body portion; the outer wall of each leg having a curved shape including an upper end that is tangent with the adjacent portion of the lower extremity of the body portion; the lower flat fee of the legs having an outer diameter  $D_f$ ; the flat foot and the outer wall of each leg having a curved junction; each leg also having an inner connecting portion that is inclined and extends upwardly and inwardly from the inner extremity of the flat foot thereof; and each leg also having a pair of side walls that cooperate with the flat foot, the outer wall and the inner connecting portion to close the leg;

a plurality of curved ribs spaced circumferentially from each other between the downwardly projecting legs and connecting the adjacent side walls of the legs; each rib having an outer upper end that extends upwardly for connection to the body portion of the container; each rib also having an inner lower end located between the inner connecting portions of the legs on opposite sides thereof and extending downwardly and inwardly toward the central axis A of the container; each rib also having a curved intermediate portion that extends between the outer upper and inner lower ends thereof with an outwardly convex shape and each rib having a radius of curvature  $R_r$  greater than about .6 of the diameter D of the lower extremity of the

body portion and with a center of curvature on the opposite side of the central axis A from the rib; and

a generally round hub that is located along the central axis A with the legs and curved ribs extending radially therefrom; said hub having a periphery with a diameter  $D_h$  in the range of about .15 to .25 of the diameter D of the lower extremity of the body portion; the periphery of the hub being spaced above the plane of the flat feet of the legs by a height  $H_p$ , the ratio of the diameter  $D_f$  over the height  $H_p$  being in the range of about 25 to 90; and the hub having connections to the upwardly extending inner connecting portions of the legs and the hub also having connections to the downwardly extending inner lower ends of the curved ribs.

2. (Original) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 1 wherein the hub of the base structure has an upwardly extending shape including a periphery connected to the upwardly extending inner connecting portions of the legs and to the downwardly extending inner lower ends of the curved ribs.

3. (Original) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 1 wherein the hub has a generally flat shape that extends horizontally and has a periphery connected to the upwardly extending inner connecting portions of the legs and to the downwardly extending inner lower ends of the curved ribs.

4. (Original) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 1 wherein the hub has a downwardly extending shape including a periphery connected to the upwardly extending inner connecting portions of the legs and to the downwardly extending inner lower ends of the curved ribs.

5. (Original) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 1 wherein the body portion has a nominal wall thickness t and wherein the planar inner extremities of the flat feet, the inner connecting portions of the legs, the inner lower ends of the curved ribs, and the hub each has a wall thickness t' that is at least 1.7 times the nominal wall thickness t of the body portion.

6. (Original) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 1 wherein the lower flat foot of each leg has a truncated wedge shape.

7. (Original) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 1 wherein each curved rib has a generally flat cross section between its ends.

8. (Original) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 1 which includes an odd number of legs and ribs with each leg located in a diametrical opposite relationship to an associated rib.

9. (Currently Amended) A plastic blow molded container as in claim 8 which includes five legs and five ribs.